

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A steering column apparatus comprising:
a steering column provided with a vehicle body-side bracket mounted to a vehicle body strength member to have a pair of side plate portions opposed each other to be extended in a vertical direction, and a generally cylindrical distance unit for supporting a steering shaft to be rotatable therein and having a pair of pressed and expanding portions formed to be expanded by plastic working to be pressed and supported by said side plate portions of said body-side bracket; and
an adjusting mechanism capable of adjusting a position of said steering column with respect to said side plate portions of said body-side bracket within a predetermined range,
wherein said steering column is formed with a reinforcement portion for enhancing the clamping rigidity of said distance unit with respect to said side plate portions.
2. A steering column apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcement portion is formed by coupling said pressed and expanding portions together in at least one of an upper part and a lower part of said pressed and expanding portions.

3. A steering column apparatus according to
claim 1 or 2, wherein said convex portion is
comprised of a plurality of convex streaks and said
concave portion is comprised of a plurality of
5 concave streaks.

4. A steering column apparatus according to
claim 1 or 2, wherein said steering column is
adjustable at least in one of a tilting direction or
10 a telescopic direction with respect to said body-side
bracket.

5. A steering column apparatus according to
claim 1 or 2, wherein said plastic working is
15 performed by hydroforming.